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SUBJECT: XCSS MEETING MAY 6 AND 7: PROPOSED REVIEW
OF POLICIES TOWARD LDC'S

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS) MET
MAY 6-7 TO PREPARE FOR MAY 28-29 MINISTERIAL, PRINCIPALLY ON COMMODITIES QUESTIONS (REPORTED IN OECD PARIS 11684) AND ON RENEWAL OF TRADE PLEDGE (OECD PARIS 11683).

2. XCSS ALSO HEARD PRESENTATION BY SECGEN CONCERNING HIS INTENTION TO PROPOSE TO MINISTERIAL THAT OECD PROVIDE THE FORUM FOR AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEW CLAIMS BEING MADE. REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER AUSPICES OF XCSS, DRAWING ON EXPERIENCE OF DAC. SECRETARY GENERAL CIRCULATED PRELIMINARY WORKING PAPER (BEING POUCHED TO DEPT) TO ILLUSTRATE KINDS OF ISSUES WHICH HE FELT WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED SHOULD MINISTERS RESPOND POSITIVELY TO PROPOSAL. VAN LENNEP EXPLAINED HIS VIEW THAT GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS PROBLEM SHOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY FROM RAW MATERIALS ISSUE. OBJECTIVE OF PROPOSED REVIEW WOULD BE INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF LDC DEMANDS AND SELECTION OF ISSUES TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR MORE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LDC'S.

3. SECGEN MADE CLEAR IN INTRODUCING SUBJECT THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF HIS PROPOSALS AT THIS MEETING OR THAT XCSS WOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH A CONCLUSION. DISCUSSION WAS THUS BRIEF AND INCONCLUSIVE, BUT SOME DELS GAVE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS. SWEDES SAW POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN APPROACHING OR ATTEMPTING COORDINATION ON ALL ISSUES INVOLVING LDC'S ON OECD BASIS. JAPANESE WERE OPEN-

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MINDED TO SECGEN'S INITIATIVE BUT THOUGHT RESOURCES MIGHT BE BETTER USED APPROACHING PROBLEMS INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN IN GENERAL REVIEW. US AND FRG INDICATED BELIEF SECGEN'S INITIATIVE COULD BE USEFUL AND SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF PLACING INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS IN CONTEXT OF DC-LDC RELATIONSHIPS.

4. HESITATIONS OF SWEDES AND SOME OTHERS SEEMED CLEARLY

TO BE BASED ON UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT LIMITATIONS IN
OECD TO THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION IN RELATIONS WITH LDC'S.
US DEL (DEP ASST SECY KATZ) MADE CLEAR IN PRIVATE CON-
VERSATIONS THAT, IF ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO COORDINATE AND
DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVE POLICIES, IT SHOULD BE ON UNDER-
STANDING OECD COUNTRIES WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ONE-UPSMAN-
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